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SUBJECT: SUDAN: ITALY STILL STUDYING REQUEST FOR JIU SUPPORT

REF: STATE 1335

Classified By: A/Pol M/C Jonathan R. Cohen, for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d) .

(C) Poloff delivered reftel points to MFA East Africa Desk Officer Alberto La Bella January 7 and to UN Desk Officer Gabriella Biondi January 10. Poloff requested Italy provide support for Sudan's Joint-Integrated Units (JIUs) through the UN Mission in Sudan's JIU support cell. Both La Bella and Biondi said Italy agreed with the U.S. on the importance of fully-deployed JIUs to implementation of the ComprehensivQ Peace Agreement. They said they would study the request, but could not yet offer a response. SPOGLI